

PROTOCOL ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF MINES, BOOBY-TRAPS  
AND OTHER DEVICES AS AMENDED ON 3 MAY 1996  
ANNEXED TO THE CONVENTION ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF  
CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY INJURIOUS  
OR TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS  
(PROTOCOL II AS AMENDED ON 3 MAY 1996)

Provisional Reporting Formats for Article 13 para 4 and Article 11 para 2.

NAME OF HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY

**AUSTRALIA**

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**Form A****Dissemination of information**

Article 13 / 4 / a      ``The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary ... on:

(a) dissemination of information on this Protocol to their armed forces and to the civilian population;"

*Remark:*

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**Information to the armed forces**

The 'Land Warfare Procedures – General' publication (LWP-G 3-6-5) on Mine Warfare and Booby Traps was prepared and promulgated in November 2007, within the Australian Defence Force. The document provides commanders and staff with current policy on landmines, booby traps and improvised explosive devices and its application to military operations, following the entry into force of international instruments such as Amended Protocol II and the Mine-Ban Convention. The general policy concerning landmines, booby traps, and other devices is also contained in the Australian Defence Doctrine Publication 06.4 Law of Armed Conflict, which was published in May 2006. It contains guidance for commanders and details responsibilities and obligations for Australian Defence Force members.

**Information to the civilian population**

- Information on the Australian Government's Mine Action Strategy (2010 – 2014), including references to Amended Protocol II, is disseminated to the civilian population through:
- Ministerial press releases.
- Numerous media interviews and speaking engagements conducted by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs, International Development Assistance.
- Regular meetings of the National Consultative Committee on International Security Issues in which Government officials and community members exchange views on peace and disarmament issues, including landmines.
- Landmines websites established by the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Website addresses are: <http://www.dfat.gov.au/landmines/>, <http://www.dfat.gov.au/security/ccw.html> and <http://www.ausaid.gov.au>. Program information and the Mine Action Strategy (2010-2014) is available from <http://www.ausaid.gov.au/human/landmines.cfm>.

**Form B****Mine clearance and rehabilitation programs**

Article 13 / 4 / b

``The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary ... on:

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programs;"

*Remark:*High Contracting Party AUSTRALIA reporting for time period from 01.07.10 to 31.12.10

(See attached spreadsheet for further details)

**Mine clearance programs current in the reporting period**

<b>Program area</b>	<b>Funding recipient</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Mine Action Sector</b>
<b>Afghanistan</b>	<b>Mine Action Coordination Centre for Afghanistan</b>	<b>Community Clearpath Program</b>	<b>Mine Clearance</b>
<b>Cambodia</b>	<b>UN Development Programme</b>	<b>Clearing for Results</b>	<b>Mine Clearance</b>
<b>Iraq</b>	<b>UN Development Programme</b>	<b>Mine Action Operational Capacity Development</b>	<b>Mine Clearance</b>
<b>Jordan</b>	<b>UN Development Programme</b>	<b>Northern Border Mine Clearance Project</b>	<b>Mine Clearance</b>
<b>Laos</b>	<b>World Vision</b>	<b>Integrated UXO action in Khammouane province</b>	<b>Mine clearance including integrated mine action</b>
<b>Laos</b>	<b>CARE Australia</b>	<b>Reducing UXO Risk and Improving Livelihoods of Ethnic Communities in Sekong Province</b>	<b>Victim Assistance/Integrated Mine Action</b>
<b>Lebanon</b>	<b>UN Relief and Works Agency</b>	<b>Clearance of Unexploded Ordnance</b>	<b>Mine Clearance</b>
<b>Nauru</b>	<b>Australian Defence Force</b>	<b>Management and clearance of UXO and ERW</b>	<b>Mine Clearance and integrated mine action</b>
<b>Palestinian Territories</b>	<b>United Nations Mine Action Team</b>	<b>UXO and ERW clearance and management within the Occupied Palestinian Territories</b>	<b>Mine Clearance</b>

Sri Lanka	The HALO Trust	Mine clearance and resettlement in northern Sri Lanka	Mine Clearance
Sri Lanka	Mines Advisory Group	Mine Action Survey and Clearance in support of IDP Returns and livelihood development in northern Sri Lanka	Mine Clearance and integrated mine action
Sri Lanka	Mines Advisory Group	Demining	Mine Clearance
Sri Lanka	FSD (Swiss Foundation for Demining)	Emergency survey and mine clearance	Mine Clearance
Sri Lanka	FSD (Swiss Foundation for Demining)	Training of deminers, 45 mine lab detectors and operational	Mine Clearance
Sri Lanka	International Organisation for Migration	Procurement of Demining equipment	Mine Clearance
Sri Lanka	UN Development Programme	Procurement of Demining equipment	Mine Clearance
Sri Lanka	Danish Demining Group	Demining	Mine Clearance
Sudan	UNMAS	Mine and ERW Survey and Clearance Operations in Southern Sudan	Mine Clearance
Uganda	Danish Demining Group	Capacity Enhancement of the National Mine Action Program in Uganda	Mine Clearance

**Rehabilitation programs (including integrated mine action) current in the reporting period**

<b>Program area</b>	<b>Funding recipient</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Mine Action Sector</b>
Afghanistan	Mine Action Coordination Centre for Afghanistan	Community Clearpath Program	Mine Clearance
Burundi and Uganda	GICHD	Enhanced landmine victim assistance support to facilitate progress towards Cartegena Action Plan	Victim Assistance

<b>Cambodia</b>	<b>Australian Red Cross</b>	<b>Landmine Survivor Assistance Program</b>	<b>Victim Assistance/Mine Risk Education</b>
<b>Cambodia</b>	<b>World Vision &amp; International Women's Development Agency</b>	<b>Community Strengthening &amp; Gender Mainstreaming in Integrated Mine Action</b>	<b>Victim Assistance</b>
<b>Cambodia</b>	<b>CARE Australia</b>	<b>Australia Cambodia Integrated Mine Action in Pailin</b>	<b>Victim Assistance</b>
<b>Iraq</b>	<b>UNICEF</b>	<b>Protecting children in Iraq from injuries related to landmines and other explosives</b>	<b>Mine Risk Education</b>
<b>Laos</b>	<b>CARE Australia</b>	<b>Reducing UXO Risk and Improving Livelihoods of Ethnic Communities in Sekong Province</b>	<b>Victim Assistance/Integrated Mine Action</b>
<b>Laos</b>	<b>World Vision</b>	<b>Integrated UXO action in Khammouane province</b>	<b>Mine clearance including integrated mine action</b>
<b>Laos</b>	<b>UN Development Programme</b>	<b>Capacity building to address the UXO threat and risks in Lao PRR</b>	<b>Mine Action Management/Cpacity Building and Advocacy</b>
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>UN Children's Fund</b>	<b>Mine Risk Education</b>	<b>Mine Risk Education</b>
<b>Sudan</b>	<b>UNICEF</b>	<b>Mine Risk Education Program</b>	<b>Mine Risk Education</b>
<b>Global</b>	<b>International Committee of the Red Cross</b>	<b>Special Fund for the Disabled</b>	<b>Victim Assistance</b>
<b>Global</b>	<b>GICHD</b>	<b>Victim Assistance</b>	<b>Victim Assistance</b>
<b>Global</b>	<b>GICHD</b>	<b>Core Support to GICHD and ISU including victim assistance</b>	<b>Universalisation/Victim Assistance/ Mine Action Management/ Capacity Building and Advocacy</b>
<b>Global</b>	<b>Geneva Call</b>	<b>Asia Program</b>	<b>Universalisation/ Advocacy</b>
<b>Global</b>	<b>International Campaign to Ban Landmines</b>	<b>Landmine Monitor Report</b>	<b>Universalisation / Advocacy</b>
<b>Global</b>	<b>International Campaign to</b>	<b>Universalisation in the Asia-</b>	<b>Advocacy</b>

	<b>Ban Landmines</b>	<b>Pacific</b>	
<b>Global</b>	<b>Cluster Munitions Monitor</b>	<b>Universalisation in the Asia-Pacific</b>	<b>Advocacy</b>

**Form C**

**Technical requirements and relevant information**

Article 13 / 4 / c      ``The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository ... on:

(c) steps taken to meet technical requirements of this Protocol and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;

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**Technical requirements**

Australia does not have minefields, or produce or deploy munitions which fall under the technical requirements of this Protocol.

**Any other relevant information**

Australian Defence Force doctrine specifically promulgates compliance with Australia's obligations under this Protocol, the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons generally and the Mine-Ban Convention.

**Form D****Legislation**

Article 13 / 4 / d      ``The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary ... on:

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;  
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It is the Australian Government's policy to enact national legislation implementing international instruments only where existing national legislation is insufficient to meet the international obligations contained in the international instruments concerned.

Australia has not enacted specific legislation to implement Amended Protocol II. However, other legislation is relevant to the obligations contained in Amended Protocol II. For example, Australia has enacted the Anti-Personnel Mines Convention Act 1998. This Act primarily implements the Mine-Ban Convention, but it also implements the key provisions of Amended Protocol II. In particular, section 7 of the Act makes it an offence to place, possess, develop, produce, acquire, stockpile, move or transfer anti-personnel mines.

The Australian Government periodically reviews implementing legislation for international humanitarian law instruments to which it is a party in order to ensure it continues to meet implementation requirements. Such a review of legislation related to Amended Protocol II is currently being considered.



## Form E

### International technical information exchange, cooperation on mine clearance, technical cooperation and assistance

Article 13 / 4 / e      ``The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository ... on:

(e) measures taken on international technical information exchange, on international cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation and assistance;

*Remark:*

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#### **International technical information exchange**

Australia attended a number of meetings to promote technical information exchange on landmine and ERW issues:

- Twelfth Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II on Landmine, Booby-Traps and other Explosive Devices, November 24 2010, Geneva
- Fourth Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V, November 22-23 2010, Geneva
- Tenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, November 29-December 3 2010, Geneva

#### **International cooperation on mine clearance**

In countries where Australia is a major donor to mine action, for example Cambodia and Laos, Australia is a member of various committees that focus on donor cooperation and coordination. Australia participates in meetings of the Mine Action Support Group which helps to coordinate international responses to mine action issues. International cooperation on mine clearance, and mine action in general, is a priority in *Australia's Mine Action Strategy for the Australia Aid Program (2010-2014)*, under which it has pledged A\$100 million over 5 years. Through the Strategy, Australia is committed to work in partnership with mine action stakeholders, where possible aligning support with existing partner government policies, priorities and systems and also harmonising efforts with other donors.

#### **Technical Cooperation and Assistance**

Technical capacity building is a component in most mine clearance projects which Australia supports. Australia's funding assisted the development of technical capacities of national clearance authorities in Cambodia, Iraq, Laos and Sri Lanka.

**Form F**

**Other relevant matters**

Article 13 / 4 / f      ``The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary ... on:

(f) other relevant matters.

*Remark:*

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Other relevant matters

No other matters.

## Form G

### Information to the UN-database on mine clearance

Article 11 para 2      ``The High Contracting Parties shall provide information to the database on mine clearance established within the United Nations System, especially.....on:

- information concerning various means and technologies of mine clearance, and lists of experts, expert agencies or national points of contact on mine clearance

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#### **Means and technologies of mine clearance**

Within the Australian Department of Defence, the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) and the Combined Arms Training Centre are developing new methods of clearing mines. DSTO undertakes work in a number of areas covering mine detection and clearance, including research in the development of improved mine detection algorithms. This involves international co-operative work within the Technical Cooperation Program of Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States. DSTO is also involved in the evaluation of existing and emerging mine detection technologies.

Lists of experts and experts agencies

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